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To: Prospective Offerors

Subject: Request for Quotation for **Performance Evaluation of the Public Diplomacy Section's AEECA**, procurement request number: **PR9820244**

Enclosed is a Request for Quotations (RFQ) for purchase of services: **Performance Evaluation of the Public Diplomacy Section's AEECA** for the U.S. Embassy Pristina. If you would like to submit a quotation please provide a written price quote with details to the following email address:

PristinaProcurement@state.gov

The U.S. Government intends to award a contract or Purchase Order to the responsible company submitting technically acceptable quotation at the lowest price. We intend to award a contract/purchase order based on initial quotations, without holding discussions, although we may hold discussions with companies in the competitive range if there is a need to do so.

Performance Evaluation of the Public Diplomacy Section's AEECA – 1 Project

**U.S. Embassy in Kosovo
The Public Diplomacy Section**

Title: Performance Evaluation of the Public Diplomacy Section's AEECA Grant Program

STATEMENT OF WORK

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Public Diplomacy Section (PDS) of the U.S. Embassy in Kosovo seeks the services of a local Kosovo-based research organization for an evaluation of its grant program funded through the Assistance for Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia (AEECA) funding stream.

The purpose of this evaluation is to measure the effectiveness of our youth and education AEECA grant program in terms of its impact on the grant beneficiaries. This evaluation should clearly provide the Public Diplomacy Section (PDS) with an overview of its AEECA funding program in terms of its local relevance, effectiveness and efficiency, and its long-lasting benefits to the project beneficiaries.

For the purpose of this evaluation, the term 'beneficiary' means the 'direct individual youth beneficiaries' that received training or other forms of benefits from AEECA funded projects to organizations.



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Definition of youth: Youth are defined as ‘Youth in Transition’ of age 14-23. This groups is further segmented into two groups: 14-18-year-olds (high school students and students transitioning into higher / technical education), and 18–23-year-olds (university students and youth transitioning into the job market).

BACKGROUND

This evaluation will evaluate youth and youth-related education grants from fiscal year 2019. A U.S. fiscal year follows the October-September cycle. In FY19, the Public Diplomacy Section awarded about 20 youth and education grants. The average grant amount is around \$16,000, with only two exceeding \$100,000.

The PDS has a host of AEECA funding tools through which it awards its grants, including:

- AEECA – Alumni Programs to support U.S. Government Alumni initiatives.
- AEECA – Democracy Commission (DemCom) to support democracy development projects.
- AEECA – English Language Learning to support English language teaching and learning.
- AEECA – Speakers Program to support local initiatives requiring U.S. Speaker’s expertise.
- AEECA – University Support Program to support higher education institutions.

In general, the AEECA funding covers topics ranging from anti-corruption, inclusion, free and independent media, investigative journalism, interethnic understanding, countering disinformation and malign foreign influences, and rule of law to cultural and educational projects, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) education, English teaching, enhancing the higher education teaching and learning practice, digital and hard skills building, education for entrepreneurship, etc. In general, all PDS grants support three overarching U.S. Embassy Pristina objectives for Kosovo, including the rule of law, economic development, and regional stability. For more, click this link to the Integrated Country Strategy for Kosovo: https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/EUR-Kosovo_UNCLASS_508.pdf.

OBJECTIVE OF THIS EVALUATION

The specific objective of this evaluation is to measure the effectiveness of our youth and education AEECA grants on our grant beneficiaries. This evaluation needs to answer the following two arching questions:

- Do our grant interventions cause changes to the grant beneficiaries in knowledge, skills, and attitudes relevant to specific project goals?
- What type of grant activities were more effective in making that change happen?

The selected vendor, in cooperation with PDS team, is expected to detail these questions into few more sub-questions.



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Change in Beneficiaries: We are looking for the following types of changes in our grant beneficiaries:

- Awareness – youth beneficiaries become aware of the problem or receive new information.
- Skills/behavior – youth beneficiaries can use or apply the new acquired knowledge.
- Knowledge – youth beneficiaries recognize, understand and re-state new information received into their own words.
- Attitudes and beliefs – youth beneficiaries determine the worth and relevance of ideas and experiences and accept or commit to a particular stance or action.

The selected vendor will be further detailing these types of changes into concrete common change indicators.

Grant effectiveness: Below are few indicators how we perceive the effectiveness of our grant activities, which are closely related to the Changes in Beneficiaries paragraph above. The activity:

1. has addressed the needs and priorities of the targeted youth in transition audience.
2. has been attractive, and the same beneficiaries would participate again due to its design, content, and delivery.
3. has caused at least one type of changes (as described above) to the activity beneficiaries.
4. has improved the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of activity beneficiaries.
5. the activity has empowered youth to seek change and improve their life.
6. has improved inter-ethnic communications and relationships among beneficiaries.
7. has built self-confidence among youth beneficiaries.
8. has produced immediate impact on youth beneficiaries.
9. accomplished their planned project objectives.
10. has produced sustainable long-term results.

The selected vendor, besides intended outcomes, will also need to look at the unintended consequences of the activities. For example, did the activity accidentally exacerbate inter-ethnic divide among youth beneficiaries? Did the activity reduce youth's self-confidence?

Information source: In order to explore the evaluation questions, the selected vendor will evaluate extensively between 5-7 grants out of a pool of around 20 youth and educational related AEECA grants awarded during the fiscal year 2019 (FY19).

Future use: This evaluation will inform our future grant decisions. We will use this evaluation to define future youth topics, relevant types of activities, and types of outcomes we will support. This will be reflected in our future NOFO's designs and grant award decisions.

EVALUATION DESIGN



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Methods: The offerors are expected to propose an appropriate evaluation design to conduct this activity. However, PDS expects the use of appropriate qualitative and quantitative methods to inform this evaluation work.

Data Collection Techniques: The offerors are expected to propose appropriate evaluation techniques, tools, and instruments. The selected vendor will closely work with the Public Diplomacy Section to refine any of such tools if needed.

Data collection tools and instruments shall be developed in English and will receive prior approval by the Public Diplomacy Section before tested and rolled out. They should be translated and conducted in local languages, i.e., depending on the beneficiaries of the sampled grants, but at least in Albanian and Serbian.

COVID-19 implications: The offerors should demonstrate that they have taken measures to protect their staff and interlocutors while conducting this evaluation. As this assignment requires in-person interactions, offerors are expected to show flexibility in adapting quickly to the government's anti-COVID-19 changing measures.

Questions: The selected vendor will develop and refine specific evaluation questions as a result of testing of the data collection instrument(s) and to account for the diverse nature of grant interventions, and their stage in the implementation process.

Any problems with questions identified by the vendor must be resolved in consultation with Public Diplomacy Section before a question is added, deleted, or edited to the data collection tools and instruments. Final approval of the data collection tools and instruments rests with the Public Diplomacy Section.

Technical tools: The offerors should show evidence of use of professional tools and software for the processing and analyses of quantitative and qualitative evaluations.

Sampling: As indicated earlier, the PDS has identified around 20 youth and educational related AEECA grants awarded during the FY19. The selected vendor is expected to select and evaluate 5-7 grants out of this pool of grants. The vendor should select a balanced youth and educational grants for evaluation. The PDS reserves the right to add a few of AEECA funded similar projects to the evaluation sample pool either from FY19 or FY20.

The offerors should consider the following when selecting the sample:

- the nature of funded projects (youth-other, or youth-education*).
- the amounts of awards, i.e., comparable amounts.
- diversity of project beneficiaries (gender, age, ethnicity, geographic distribution)

Note*: for the purpose of this evaluation, youth-other grants have been defined as those grants targeting youth in transition through activism projects, culture, sports, inclusion. Youth-education grants



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have been defined as those targeting youth in transition through similar activities as English learning, STEM education, and the like.

EVALUATION TEAM

The selected vendor will provide an experienced Evaluation Team Leader who is an expert on evaluation design, methods, management, and implementation. The vendor will also provide a technical expert who is knowledgeable about and experienced in U.S. government funding schemes.

Collectively, the team must provide skills and experience necessary to evaluate U.S. government funding schemes. And should demonstrate knowledge of English and local languages. The team must also demonstrate experience in remote data collection. The team must demonstrate experience in organizational management and demonstrate skills in monitoring and evaluation of U.S. funded programs or similar large scale funding schemes. The team should be free of any conflict of interest in relation to the grant recipients to be evaluated.

Offerors should provide a short relevant resume of their key Evaluation Team members in their technical proposal. Any addition, removal or replacement to the Evaluation Team requires prior approval from the Public Diplomacy Section.

DELIVERABLES

Work Plan: Within two weeks of the award of the contract, the selected vendor will provide a detailed work plan, which will include the proposed evaluation methodology, draft schedule and logistical arrangements, members of the evaluation teams (including their roles and responsibilities), evaluation milestones, testing data collection instruments plan, the evaluation report outline if different from the format below under Final Report. The work plan requires PDS's approval.

Evaluation Design: within two weeks of approval of the work plan, the selected vendor will submit an evaluation design for review and approval to the Public Diplomacy Section. The design will become an annex to the evaluation report.

The evaluation design will include:

- Detailed evaluation design matrix that links the evaluation questions from the SOW (in their finalized form) to data sources, methods, and data analysis plan (including any software proposed to be used);
- Draft questionnaires, interview protocols and other data collection instruments, including translation in local languages.
- List of potential interviews and sites to be visited and proposed selection criteria and/or sampling plan (must include sampling methodology and methods, including a justification of sample size and any applicable calculations);
- limitations to the evaluation design; and

Draft Evaluation Report: A draft report of the findings and recommendations should be submitted to the PDS. The report should clearly describe findings, conclusions, and recommendations. PDS will provide comments on the draft report within two weeks of submission.

Workshop with the PDS: The vendor is expected to hold a workshop with PDS to discuss the findings and jointly come up with the conclusions and recommendations. This workshop will be scheduled in cooperation with the PDS.



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Final Report: The vendor will submit a final report that incorporates the PDS comments and suggestions. Once this report is submitted, it becomes property of the U.S. Embassy in Kosovo, which includes the ability to share this within the U.S. Government and to external partners. Likewise, the other elements of the project from pre-planning phase to data collection and analysis become also property of the U.S. Embassy, and a copy of the evaluation instruments and the raw data (quantitative and qualitative) is requested to be submitted electronically to the Embassy Public Diplomacy Section in addition to the final report.

The format for the final evaluation report is as follows:

1. Executive Summary—concisely state the most salient findings and recommendations;
2. Table of Contents;
3. Introduction—purpose, audience, and synopsis of task;
4. Background—brief overview of AEECA grant program in Kosovo, PDS Communication Strategy, and U.S. Embassy Objectives for Kosovo, and activities implemented in response to the problem, purpose of the evaluation;
5. Methodology—describe evaluation methods, including constraints and gaps;
6. Findings/Conclusions/Recommendations—for each objective area; and also include data quality and reporting system that should present verification of spot checks, issues, and outcome;
7. Issues—provide a list of key technical and/or administrative, if any;
8. References (including bibliographical documentation, meetings, interviews and focus group discussions);
9. Annexes—annexes that document this statement of work, evaluation design, data collection instruments, schedules, sites visited, interview lists and tables—should be succinct, pertinent and readable.

The final version of the evaluation report will be submitted to PDS electronically. The report format should be restricted to Microsoft products and 12-point type font should be used throughout the body of the report, with page margins 1" top/bottom and left/right. The report should not exceed 30 pages, excluding references and annexes.

TIMELINE

The vendor shall complete the evaluation, with final reports delivered, no later than six months after the contract has been made. Offerors should include a detailed timeline of their workplan. The timeline should be realistic given data collection procedures, Covid-19 restrictions, and should allow for sufficient time for the PDS to review and provide input to draft deliverables.

BUDGET

Offerors should submit a separate cost proposal in Microsoft Excel in response to this statement of work. The budget should take into consideration all necessary expenses to carry out this evaluation activity. Offerors should provide a realistic and justified budget.

LOGISTICS AND SUPPORT



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PDS will provide the selected vendor all the necessary documentation and contact information to carry out its work in a timely fashion. The rest of logistics is the responsibility of the selected vendor, such as transportation, scheduling visits and appointments.

Payment will be made by EFT net 30 days in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act and will be processed after receipt of invoice by Financial Management Office and upon receipt, inspection and acceptance of all items included in the purchase order by the US Embassy Pristina.

All vendors have to be registered in the SAM (System for Award Management) <https://www.sam.gov> prior to contract award pursuant to FAR provision 5.207. Therefore, prospective offerors are encouraged to register prior to the submittal of quotations/proposals. The guidelines for registration in SAM are also available at Embassy Web page:

<https://xk.usembassy.gov/embassy/pristina/contract-solicitations/>

With submission of your offer as integral part of this quotation you must include the following attached clauses: 52.204-24 and 25 and 26 by completing the following paragraph (d)1 and (d)2, and in 52.204-26, paragraph (c), where you confirm that your company use or does not use the following companies-citation below. (this document must be ticket in mentioned paragraph, signed each page, stamped and te same one to be scanned and return to us).

52.204-24 Representation Regarding Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (Aug 2020)

The Offeror shall not complete the representation at paragraph (d)(1) of this provision if the Offeror has represented that it “does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument” in the provision at [52.204-26](#), Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services—Representation, or in paragraph (v) of the provision at [52.212-3](#), Offeror Representations and Certifications-Commercial Items.

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision—

Backhaul, covered telecommunications equipment or services, critical technology, interconnection arrangements, reasonable inquiry, roaming, and substantial or essential component have the meanings provided in the clause [52.204-25](#), Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

(b) *Prohibition.*



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(1) Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2019, from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. Nothing in the prohibition shall be construed to—

(i) Prohibit the head of an executive agency from procuring with an entity to provide a service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

(ii) Cover telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(2) Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from entering into a contract or extending or renewing a contract with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract. Nothing in the prohibition shall be construed to—

(i) Prohibit the head of an executive agency from procuring with an entity to provide a service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

(ii) Cover telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or cannot permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(c) *Procedures.* The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for “covered telecommunications equipment or services”.

(d) *Representation.* The Offeror represents that—

(1) It ☐ will, ☐ will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract or other contractual instrument



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resulting from this solicitation. The Offeror shall provide the additional disclosure information required at paragraph (e)(1) of this section if the Offeror responds “will” in paragraph (d)(1) of this section; and

(2)After conducting a reasonable inquiry, for purposes of this representation, the Offeror represents that—

It ☐ does, ☐ does not use covered telecommunications equipment or services, or use any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services. The Offeror shall provide the additional disclosure information required at paragraph (e)(2) of this section if the Offeror responds “does” in paragraph (d)(2) of this section.

(e) Disclosures.

(1) Disclosure for the representation in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision. If the Offeror has responded “will” in the representation in paragraph (d)(1) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:

(i)For covered equipment—

(A)The entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or a distributor, if known);

(B)A description of all covered telecommunications equipment offered (include brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); and

(C)Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.

(ii)For covered services—

(A)If the service is related to item maintenance: A description of all covered telecommunications services offered (include on the item being maintained: Brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); or

(B)If not associated with maintenance, the Product Service Code (PSC) of the service being provided; and explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications



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services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.

(2) Disclosure for the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision. If the Offeror has responded “does” in the representation in paragraph (d)(2) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer:

(i)For covered equipment—

(A)The entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the OEM or a distributor, if known);

(B)A description of all covered telecommunications equipment offered (include brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); and

(C)Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision.

(ii)For covered services—

(A)If the service is related to item maintenance: A description of all covered telecommunications services offered (include on the item being maintained: Brand; model number, such as OEM number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable); or

(B)If not associated with maintenance, the PSC of the service being provided; and explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision.

(End of provision)



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As prescribed in [4.2105\(b\)](#), insert the following clause:

52.204-25 Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (Aug 2020)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause—

Backhaul means intermediate links between the core network, or backbone network, and the small subnetworks at the edge of the network (*e.g.*, connecting cell phones/towers to the core telephone network). Backhaul can be wireless (*e.g.*, microwave) or wired (*e.g.*, fiber optic, coaxial cable, Ethernet).

Covered foreign country means The People's Republic of China.

Covered telecommunications equipment or services means—

(1) Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);

(2) For the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);

(3) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or

(4) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

Critical technology means—



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(1) Defense articles or defense services included on the United States Munitions List set forth in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations under subchapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Federal Regulations;

(2) Items included on the Commerce Control List set forth in Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administration Regulations under subchapter C of chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, and controlled-

(i) Pursuant to multilateral regimes, including for reasons relating to national security, chemical and biological weapons proliferation, nuclear nonproliferation, or missile technology; or

(ii) For reasons relating to regional stability or surreptitious listening;

(3) Specially designed and prepared nuclear equipment, parts and components, materials, software, and technology covered by part 810 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to assistance to foreign atomic energy activities);

(4) Nuclear facilities, equipment, and material covered by part 110 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to export and import of nuclear equipment and material);

(5) Select agents and toxins covered by part 331 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, part 121 of title 9 of such Code, or part 73 of title 42 of such Code; or

(6) Emerging and foundational technologies controlled pursuant to section 1758 of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4817).

Interconnection arrangements means arrangements governing the physical connection of two or more networks to allow the use of another's network to hand off traffic where it is ultimately delivered (*e.g.*, connection of a customer of telephone provider A to a customer of telephone company B) or sharing data and other information resources.

Reasonable inquiry means an inquiry designed to uncover any information in the entity's possession about the identity of the producer or provider of covered telecommunications equipment or services used by the entity that excludes the need to include an internal or third-party audit.

Roaming means cellular communications services (*e.g.*, voice, video, data) received from a visited network when unable to connect to the facilities of the home network either because signal coverage is too weak or because traffic is too high.



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Substantial or essential component means any component necessary for the proper function or performance of a piece of equipment, system, or service.

(b) *Prohibition.*

(1) Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2019, from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. The Contractor is prohibited from providing to the Government any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless an exception at paragraph (c) of this clause applies or the covered telecommunication equipment or services are covered by a waiver described in FAR [4.2104](#).

(2) Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from entering into a contract, or extending or renewing a contract, with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless an exception at paragraph (c) of this clause applies or the covered telecommunication equipment or services are covered by a waiver described in FAR 4.2104. This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a Federal contract.

(c) *Exceptions.* This clause does not prohibit contractors from providing—

(1) A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

(2) Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(d) *Reporting requirement.*

(1) In the event the Contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the Contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the Contractor shall report the information in paragraph (d)(2) of this clause to the Contracting Officer, unless elsewhere in this contract are established procedures for reporting the information; in the case of the Department of Defense, the



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Contractor shall report to the website at <https://dibnet.dod.mil>. For indefinite delivery contracts, the Contractor shall report to the Contracting Officer for the indefinite delivery contract and the Contracting Officer(s) for any affected order or, in the case of the Department of Defense, identify both the indefinite delivery contract and any affected orders in the report provided at <https://dibnet.dod.mil>.

(2) The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (d)(1) of this clause

(i) Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: the contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.

(ii) Within 10 business days of submitting the information in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this clause: any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the Contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(e) *Subcontracts*. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (e) and excluding paragraph (b)(2), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments, including subcontracts for the acquisition of commercial items.

(End of clause)

52.204-26 Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation.

As prescribed in 4.2105(c), insert the following provision:

Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services-Representation (Dec 2019)

(a) *Definitions*. As used in this provision, “covered telecommunications equipment or services” has the meaning provided in the clause 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.



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(b) Procedures. The Offeror shall review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for “covered telecommunications equipment or services”.

(c) Representation. The Offeror represents that it ☐ does, ☐ does not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services as a part of its offered products or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument.

Please be advice that US Embassy in Pristina is free of any duties (Customs & VAT).

Quotations are due by May 12, 2021 – 15:00 local time.

For Local vendors, the delivery address of quotations should be US Embassy Pristina Str. Woodrow Wilson Nr. 3 Pristina, 10000 Kosovo or through email: PristinaProcurement@state.gov

Sincerely,
Contracting Officer
Matthew Connors